

MINT UNITED STATES—1837.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TRANSMITTING

Statements in relation to the operations of the Mint for the year 1837.

MARCH 1, 1839.

Read, and laid upon the table.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 28, 1839.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, three statements, marked A, B, C, which have been prepared by the Comptroller of the Treasury, pursuant to the 7th section of the act of Congress of the 2d April, 1792, entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States."

These statements contain all the information, relative to the transactions of the Mint for the year 1837, that the settlements made at the Treasury afford.

It may be proper to remark, that the accounts for 1837 were not rendered by the Mint in time to enable the Comptroller to make the annual report for the year 1837, as required by the act referred to.

I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,

Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. JAMES K. POLK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A.

Statement exhibiting the balance of the gold and silver bullion remaining in the hands of the officers of the Mint on the 31st December, 1836; the amount paid for deposits; the amount deposited for coinage from 1st January to 31st December, 1837; the different species of coins made and paid on account of deposits; allowances for wastage; and the balance remaining in the hands of the officers of the Mint on the 31st December, 1837, to be accounted for on a future settlement.

| GOLD. | Oz. | Dollars. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| | | |
| Gold bullion in the hands of the officers of the Mint 31st December, 1836 - | 983.954 | 18,306 13 0 |
| Gold bullion deposited for coinage from 1st January to 31st December, 1837 | 61,551.620 | 1,145,146 36 0 |
| | 62,535.574 | 1,163,452 49 0 |
| Amount paid for deposits of gold from 1st January to 31st December, 1837 | - | 820,074 11 0 |
| Gold coins in hands of the treasurer of the Mint 31st December, 1837 | - | 340,201 89 0 |
| | - | 1,160,276 00 0 |
| | - | 11,971 00 0 |
| Deduct gold coins in the Bank of the United States 31st December, 1836 - | - | 1,148,305 00 0 |
| Gold coins made at the Mint in the year 1837: 207,121 half eagles, 44,400 eagles | 61,720.720 | 1,148,305 00 0 |
| Allowed for wastage to melter, and refiner, and chief coiner, 1st and 4th quarters 1837 | 51.047 | 937 15 0 |
| Gold bullion in hands of the treasurer of the Mint 31st December, 1837 | 733.035 | 13,637 84 0 |
| Gold bullion, being reserved for assay pieces, in the hands of the treasurer of the Mint 31st December, 1837 | 30.772 | 572 50 0 |
| | 62,535.574 | 1,163,452 49 0 |

SILVER.

Silver bullion in the hands of the officers of the Mint 31st December, 1836

Silver bullion deposited for coinage from 1st January to 31st December, 1837

Deduct silver bullion due to the treasurer of the Mint 31st December, 1837

Amount paid for deposits of silver from 1st January to 31st December, 1837

Silver coins in the hands of the treasurer of the Mint 31st December, 1837

Deduct silver coins in the Bank of the United States 31st December, 1836

Silver coins made at the Mint in the year 1837: 2,276,000 half dimes, 1,042,000 dimes, 262,400 quarter dollars, 3,629,820 half dollars, and 600 dollars

Silver coins in hands of the treasurer 31st December, 1837, being reserved for assay pieces

Allowed melter, and refiner, and chief coiner, for wastage in the year 1837

| | | | |
|--|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | | 262,723.52 | 305,714 66 0 |
| | oz. | | |
| | 1,565,400.50 | | |
| | \$1,829,427 90 5 | | |
| | 19,648.95 | 1,545,751.55 | 1,806,563 70 5 |
| | 22,864 20 0 | 1,808,475.07 | 2,112,278 35 5 |
| | | | |
| | | | 1,658,685 71 0 |
| | | | 529,624 61 0 |
| | | | |
| | | | 2,189,310 32 0 |
| | | | 83,829 30 0 |
| | | | |
| | | | 2,104,481 02 0 |
| | | | |
| | | 1,801,774.30 | 2,104,481 02 0 |
| | | 178.15 | 207 30 0 |
| | | 6,522.62 | 7,590 03 5 |
| | | | |
| | | 1,808,475.07 | 2,112,278 35 5 |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 27, 1839.

LUND WASHINGTON.

B.

The Mint of the United States in account for copper purchased from the commencement of the institution to the 31st December, 1837.

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December, 1837.

| | Troy weight. | | Cost of copper. | | | Troy weight. | | Value of copper at the rate of 7 dwts. to a cent. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| | lbs. | oz. dwt. | dolls. cts. ms. | | | lbs. | oz. dwt. | |
| To amount of rough copper and copper planchets purchased from the commencement of the institution to the 30th September, 1836, per statement marked B, accompanying the Comptroller's letter of the 6th July, 1838 | 2,323.405 | 6 17 | 594,554 56 5 | | By amount of rough copper and copper planchets accounted for from the commencement of the institution to the 30th September, 1836, per statement marked B, accompanying the Comptroller's letter of 6th July, 1838 | 2,296,921 3 16 | 772,664 06 | |
| To cost of copper purchased in the 4th quarter 1836, and the 1st quarter of 1837, from M.R. Bolton, and Crocker, Brothers, & Co., 75 casks | 59.553 | 3 15 | 15,186 64 0 | | By amount of cents deposited by the treasurer of the Mint to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in the 4th qr. 1836, and 1st qr. 1837 - | 43,429 2 0 | 14,890 00 | |
| | | | | | By amount of cents remitted to Crocker, Brothers, & Co., 4th qr. 1837, in payment for planchets - | 55,619 2 8 | 19,069 44 | |
| | | | | | By amount of cents distributed by the treasurer of the Mint in 4th qr. 1837 | 73,220 7 7 | 25,104 21 | |
| | 2,382,964 | 10 12 | 609,741 20 5 | | Amount accounted for | 2,469,190 3 11 | 831,727 71 | |
| To amount gained in weight from the commencement of the institution, arising from the cents weighing less than 7 pennyweights each | 150.278 | 9 18 | | | In the hands of the treasurer of the Mint 4th qr. 1837, in copper coins | 64,053 4 19 | 21,961 17 | |
| To amount gained on coinage to 31st Dec'r, 1837, from the commencement of the institution | 2,533.243 | 8 10 | 853,688 88 0 | | | 2,533,243 8 10 | 853,688 88 | |

LUND WASHINGTON, Clerk.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, February 27, 1839

C.

Summary statement exhibiting the value of the coins made at the Mint; the amount of disbursements on account of the establishment; the amount allowed for wastage; the amount retained of deposits; and the amount gained on the coinage of copper, from the commencement of the institution to the 31st December, 1837.

| | Dolls. | cts. | ms. | Dolls. | cts. | ms. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|-----|------------|------|-----|
| Value of gold, silver, and copper coinage to 31st December, 1836 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gold coins made from 1st January to 31st December, 1837, per account A | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Silver coins made from 1st January to 31st December, 1837, per account A | - | - | - | 1,148,305 | 00 | 0 |
| Copper coins made from 1st October, 1836, to 31st December, 1837, per account B | - | - | - | 2,104,481 | 02 | 0 |
| | - | - | - | 81,024 | 82 | 0 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| | - | - | - | 3,333,810 | 84 | 0 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| | - | - | - | 72,948,199 | 64 | 0 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| Nett charge on the coinage of gold, silver, and copper to 31st December, 1836 | - | - | - | 690,772 | 21 | 0 |
| Add amount gained on the coinage of copper to the same period | - | - | - | 196,244 | 76 | 5 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| From which deduct amount of wastage on gold and silver to 31st December, 1836 | - | - | - | 887,016 | 97 | 5 |
| | - | - | - | 208,741 | 87 | 5 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| Amount disbursed on account of the establishment from 1st January to 31st December, 1837 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Amount of wastage on gold and silver to 31st December, 1836, brought down | - | - | - | 208,741 | 87 | 5 |
| Add, also, amount of wastage on gold and silver from 1st January to 31st December, 1837 | - | - | - | 8,527 | 18 | 0 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| From which deduct— | - | - | - | 217,269 | 05 | 5 |
| Amount retained from deposits to 31st December, 1836 | - | - | - | | | |
| Also this sum from 1st January to 31st December, 1837 | - | - | - | 83,647 | 66 | 0 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| | - | - | - | 133,621 | 39 | 5 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| | - | - | - | 885,830 | 10 | 5 |
| | - | - | - | 243,947 | 67 | 5 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| | - | - | - | 641,882 | 43 | 0 |
| | - | - | - | | | |
| Deduct amount gained on the coinage of copper from the commencement of the institution to 31st Dec. 1837 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nett amount chargeable to the coinage of gold, silver, and copper, from the commencement of the institution to the 31st December, 1837, including the cost of lots, buildings, and machinery | - | - | - | - | - | - |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, *February 27, 1839.*

LUND WASHINGTON, *Clerk.*



